



## NATIONAL INVASIVE WEED AWARENESS WEEK

**WHAT:** Ninth Annual National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week  
**WHEN:** February 24 - 29, 2008  
**WHERE:** Washington, D.C.  
**WHO:** Organizations and Individuals who Support Invasive Weed Management and Ecosystem Restoration

The Ninth Annual National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week (NIWAW 9) will be held in Washington, D.C. the week of **February 24 to February 29, 2008** to bring people and groups from across the country together to focus national attention on the severe impacts caused by invasive weeds. Individuals and organizations interested in this issue are invited to participate in this event and help build on the success of NIWAW activities in previous years. NIWAW 9 events are designed to focus on the important roles the Federal government must play to help the U.S. deal with invasive weed problems. We have also designed the schedule to provide ample time for attendees to meet with their Congressional delegations, individual federal agencies and each other.

### NIWAW 9 Event Highlights

- Standing exhibits at the United States Botanic Garden Conservatory
- Sunday Kid's Fun Day Activities at the United States Botanic Garden Conservatory
- Sunday evening Mixer at the Hotel
- Monday morning breakfast and kickoff session on current national invasive weed issues.
- Tuesday evening reception at the United States Botanic Garden Conservatory for participants and our Washington allies to socialize in a pleasant and relaxed setting
- Tuesday afternoon briefing by the Corps of Engineers
- Tuesday and Wednesday briefings with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and the Interior.
- Wednesday afternoon NGO Partnership Building Roundtable
- Thursday morning special meeting of FICMNEW (Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds)
- Thursday afternoon briefing by the Environmental Protection Agency
- Special meetings with Federal Agencies on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

*NIWAW 9 is organized by the Invasive Weeds Awareness Coalition, a Washington D.C.-based coalition dedicated to increasing awareness of invasive weed problems and the associated research and management needs. Although some events during the week are open to the public, access to the full array of activities will require payment of a modest registration fee.*

**For More Details Please Visit The NIWAW 9 Website**  
**[http://www.nawma.org/niwaw/niwaw\\_index.htm](http://www.nawma.org/niwaw/niwaw_index.htm)**

**Four Points by Sheraton Hotel**  
1201 K Street NW, Washington, DC is the Headquarters Hotel for NIWAW 9

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**NIWAW 9 Registration Deadline: FEBRUARY 1, 2008**  
**“NIWAW Block” Hotel Reservations (202-289-7600) Deadline: JANUARY 24, 2008**